

DU PONT'S SPRUANCE FACILITY RECEIVES VIRGINIA 'ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE' DESIGNATION

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RICHMOND, VA. - The Du Pont Spruance facility in Richmond has received the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program's "Exemplary Environmental Enterprise" designation. This recognition is awarded to facilities that have a comprehensive environmental management system with sound environmental performance and a commitment to pollution prevention.

Diane Gulyas, Du Pont Vice President and General Manager for Advanced Fiber Systems, and Mike Mayberry, manager of the Spruance plant, will receive a certificate from Acting Secretary of Natural Resources Ron Hamm during a ceremony October 15, 2001.

"We're pleased to recognize Du Pont's commitment to environmental excellence," Hamm said. "This is the type of approach we encourage all Virginia facilities to take, for the benefit of all Virginians."

"The environmental excellence designation is an important tool for business and industry throughout Virginia," said Dennis H. Treacy, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality. "As more facilities follow the example of the Spruance plant, Virginians will see continued improvements in our ability to protect our natural resources."

"Du Pont de Nemours is pleased and honored to be recognized as an 'Exemplary Environmental Enterprise' by the Commonwealth of Virginia," Gulyas said. "At Du Pont, our commitment to the environment can be summarized simply as, 'The goal is zero - zero waste and emissions.' That is what we are working toward through continuous improvements in our operations and our long-term environmental performance. This award reflects the ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship by all of our employees here at the Spruance plant."

The Exemplary Environmental Enterprise Award was established by DEQ to recognize outstanding leadership in environmental management systems and environmental performance for businesses, industry and government. The award is part of Virginia Innovations for Pollution Prevention, a state initiative designed to improve environmental quality through non-traditional approaches that reward innovation and leadership.

The Du Pont Spruance facility designs, develops and manufactures synthetic fibers, sheets and resins. The products made at the facility are used in finished product applications such as bullet-resistant vests, fire-resistant clothing, food packaging, light-weight molded parts for the automotive industry, and vapor barriers used in housing construction.

The Du Pont environmental management system is based on the American Chemistry Council's "responsible care" model, which stresses a commitment to pollution prevention and continuous improvements in environmental performance. As part of its environmental management system, Du Pont has reduced its air emissions, water discharges and waste

generation while increasing overall production. Du Pont also participates in the Chesapeake Bay Program's Businesses for the Bay, a volunteer effort to assist in the restoration of the Bay through pollution prevention measures. For more information on the facility's activities, contact Bob Dunn at Du Pont, (804) 383-3895.